



12 Suggestions For Blue Sunday



1. Ask the nearest Family Resource Center for a list of their biggest needs, and how to help.
2. Offer your church building for family meetings or Training.
3. Offer parenting classes, and let parents leave their children in your nursery while learning.
4. Volunteer at events in your community that help strengthen families; and advertise them in the Church announcements.
5. Foster Families are not paid, and can use all the support they can get. Offer them any resources you can spare. Diapers are especially useful for the emergency closet at CPS. (These are for foster families who receive babies late at night.)
6. Take up a Collection for the Montana Children's Trust Fund to help local problems.
7. Host a Christmas party for foster families. They will appreciate a safe, fun atmosphere.
8. Toys for Tots mostly targets young children. So collect gift cards for foster teens in addition.
9. Teach your staff the signs of child abuse. If you recognize these signs, call 1-866-820-KIDS (5437) to report suspected abuse. It's the law. Follow-Up Information by the Attorney General can be found at: <https://dojmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/whathappensnext.pdf>.
10. Offer training for parents, grandparents (especially those raising grandchildren), and your staff in child well-being.
11. On Blue Sunday, April 30th, lead a prayer for children suffering child abuse and those who help them.
12. Incorporate themes of strengthening families into your service.

For further info, and to register your Church, visit the

Montana Children's Trust Fund Website:

<http://childrenstrust.mt.gov/events>



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